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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-1879]

BetzDearborn; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that BetzDearborn has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to expand the safe use of 2-bromo-2-nitro-1,3-propanediol as an antimicrobial for use in food-contact paper and paperboard.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9B4671) has been filed by BetzDearborn, 4636 Somerton Rd., Trevose, PA 19053. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 176.170 Components of paper and paperboard in contact with aqueous and fatty foods (21 CFR 176.170) to expand the safe use

of 2-bromo-2-nitro-1,3-propanediol as an antimicrobial for use in food-contact paper and paperboard.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a

significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated.

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